THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Some State Governments, namely, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu have suggested to include more areas under the programme. However, the present coverage of the Drought Prone Areas Programme is based on the criteria laid down, and recommendations made by the Task Force, as modified by the Inter-Departmental Group in 1984, and has been given effect to from 1985-86. Allocation of funds for the programme under the Seventh Plan has been made keeping in view this programme coverage. Moreover, this programme is only of a supplemental nature and to achieve the desired results, necessary guidelines have been issued to integrate this programme with Rural Employment Programmes like N.R.E.P. and R.L.E.G.P., anti-poverty programme of I.R.D.P., other State and Central Schemes and also with funds released for scarcity relief. It is, therefore, not considered desirable to make any change in the coverage during the course of the Seventh Five Year Plan.

(c) and (d) A comprehensive evaluation of the impact of the programme has not yet been undertaken so as to draw any general conclusion about the success of the programme. Total amount spent on the programme, since its inception works out to about Rs. 983 crores upto December, 1987.

Supply of Water in Vasant Vihar

500. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity of water presently being supplied by the MCD to the residents of Vasant Vihar Government colony;

(b) the number of tubewells put up there and when those were put up;

(c) the number of those tubewells which are in working order and whose water is being supplied to the residents; and

(d) the steps being taken to provide additional water connection from JNU side expeditiously?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The average quantity of water being supplied by the MCD at present to the residents of Vasant Vihar Colony is around 62,000 Gallons per day.

(b) Four tube-wells are existing at present. These were put up before December, 1986. Two more tubewells have also been bored and are likely to become operational by the end of April, 1988.

(c) Out of the 4 tube wells, existing at present, only three are in working order. However, water from only two tubewells is being supplied to the residents as the water from the third tubewell has not been found fit for drinking.

(d) Tenders have been received for laying additional water line from JNU side. The laying of the pipelines will take about six months' time as the length of the pipeline will be about 2 Kms. and most of it will be in rocky area.